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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" It is said, Sir, in answer to (*b*) and (*c*) that the Government directed in 1925 that no charge should be levied in future for irrigation, etc. May I ask, Sir, what prompted the Government to levy the charge now?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Government are not aware that it has been done. The answer to (*e*) says that it is probable that such a demand was issued. Government are not aware of what has been done."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" With reference to (*d*), Government say 'No.' May I know what difficulty there is in placing it on the table?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Government do not think it right to place the report on the table."

Appeals under the Irrigation Cess Act, 1865.

* 452 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many appeals have been brought before the Government in the matter of levy of water-rate under the Irrigation Cess Act, 1865, in each year for the past ten years (districtwar figures may be furnished if possible); and

(*b*) of these, how many have been allowed and how many dismissed?

A.—The particulars are not available and cannot be compiled without an expenditure of time and labour wholly incommensurate with the value of the results.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" Sir, is it not possible to furnish the information since the Revenue Member said the other day that there were not many such cases and as this information can be easily available from the appeal registers that may be maintained in the Secretariat?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I think, if the House would read the questions they would agree with the answer given by the Government."

Appeals under the Madras Land Encroachment Act, 1905.

* 453 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many appeals have been brought before the Government in the matter of encroachment under the Madras Land Encroachment Act, 1905, in each year for the past ten years (districtwar figures may be furnished if possible); and

(*b*) of these, how many have been allowed and how many dismissed?

A.—The particulars are not available and cannot be compiled without an expenditure of time and labour wholly incommensurate with the value of the result.